Messrs. K. Narayana Setty, Tumkur Taluk; **D. S. Mallappa** and **M. Basaviah**, Tiptur Taluk; and **G. K. Mallappa**, Tiptur Municipality.—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware of the part taken by certain Government officers in favour of candidates in connection with the recent elections to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council?

(*b*) If so, who are the officers who worked on behalf of the candidates?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

A.—42. (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*.)

Messrs. K. Narayana Setty, Tumkur Taluk and S. M. Sivalingappa, Chiknaikanhalli Taluk —

Q. —43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When they will take over the management of the Railway line up to Harihar?

(*b*) Whether Government have in view the opening of a railway line from Tumkur to Sira *via* Koratagere and Madhugiri, and if so, when?

(*c*) The number of reports received up till now regarding thefts in trains and the number of cases which were successfully detected so far?

(*d*) Whether it is possible to still further reduce the Railway fares for the 1st, 2nd and Intermediate classes?

(*e*) How long since has the railway cess been lived in the Tumkur District for laying railway lines in the district; what is the total amount realised under this head up-to-date; has this amount been kept in deposit separately or invested in the Government Savings Bank?

(*f*) Are Government aware of the fact that no steps have been taken till now to construct railway lines in this district and if so the reasons therefor?

(*g*) Whether the railway cess could not be abolished in case no new railway lines are constructed as the leavy of this cess is felt as a hardship by the raiyats?

Secretary to Government, Mysore Railways.—

A.—43. (*a*) According to the present contract, the line is due for resumption on 1st January 1938.

(*b*) Government are not in favour of taking up the construction of this line which would be unremunerative, as the traffic prospects of the line are very poor.

(*c*) There have been no cases of thefts in running trains except possibly that referring to the theft of mail bags on the Birur--Shimoga section which took place on 19th April 1929. The accused concerned in this case has been sentenced to 8 years' rigorous imprisonment.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) From the year 1915-16,

Up to the end of April 1930 Rs. 6,96,031-11-2 inclusive of interest.

The amount has been deposited in the Treasury.

(*f*) The traffic prospects of the following lines in the Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts have been investigated and as they show a very poor return and are unremunerative, Government are not in favour of taking up the construction of the Railways :—

1. Tumkur-Sira-Chitaldrug Railway.
2. Tumkur-Sira Railway.
3. Hiriyur-Chitaldrug Railway.
4. Tumkur-to Sira (*via* Koratagere and Madhugiri).
5. Tumkur-Sira-Madhugiri Railway.
6. Chitaldrug-Challakere Section and on to Rayadrug past the Mysore Frontier.

(*g*) There is no intention at present of discontinuing the cess is this district.

Messrs. H. R. T. Rajagopala Mudaliar and **Hanumantha Setty**, Hunsur Taluk; and **Ibrahim Khan**, Hunsur Municipality.—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When the Anicut across the Lakshmanathirtha River at Hanagodu, Hunsur Taluk, was constructed ?

(*b*) What is the area of wet land irrigated by the channels drawn from the anicut ;

(*c*) What is the area of unassessed wet land sold by auction by Government during the last 10 years ?

(*d*) What arrangements have been made by Government for the supply of water to these lands ?

(*e*) Did the Government fulfil their promise for improving the Nala by allotting Rs. 70,000 in 4 years?

(*f*) Will the Government arrange to start the work early as promised and give relief to the poor raiyats ?

(*g*) What is the reason for withdrawing Rs. 3,000 allotted for this purpose this year ?

(*h*) What is the irrigation reserve accumulated since the channel was constructed ?